Andhra Pradesh Express

4781. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Express which halts at all the major stations of *en route* States takes only 26 hours to reach Hyderabad from New Delhi whereas the newly introduced Andhra Pradesh Sampark Kranti Express which stops at only three stations in Andhra Pradesh, namely Kazipet, Ramagundem and Sirpur Kagaznagar reaches Secunderabad from Delhi in 28 hours;

(b) if so, the reasons for longer time taken by Andhra Pradesh Sampark Kranti Express between Delhi and Secunderabad; and

(c) whether Government would consider reducing the time taken by Andhra Pradesh Sampark Kranti Express to reach Secuderabad from Delhi and *vice versa?*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU) (a) 2723/2724 Hyderabad-New Delhi Andhra Pradesh Express take 26 hours 20 minutes/25 hours and 55 minutes and 2707/ 2708 Secunderabad-Nizamuddin Andhra Pradesh Sampark Kranti Express takes 26 hours 10 minutes/27 hours and 5 minutes respectively.

(b) Due to terminal constraints, platform constraints and path constraints *enroute.*

(c) Speeding up of trains is an ongoing process. However, speeding up of Andhra Pradesh Sampark Kranti Express is not feasible at present.

Rail route electrified during the last three years

†4782. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of railway route, in Kms. in the country electrified in the last three years togetherwith the total length of narrow gauge line, in Kms., division-wise converted into broad gauge line;

(b) the amount allocated for this purpose in this period togetherwith the amount spent so far; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.